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SUBJECT: ERITREAN REQUEST FOR DIALOGUE

REFS: A) ADDIS ABABA 2792; B) ADDIS ABABA 2967; C)
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1. DEPT APPRECIATES CONCERNS OF AMEMBASSY ADDIS EXPRESSED
REFS A&B AND DESIRES THAT ANY CONVERSATIONS WITH ERITREANS
NOT BE AT OUR INITIATIVE AND THAT MEETINGS BE SO HANDLED
AS TO MINIMIZE CHANCES THAT CONTACTS WILL BE TAKEN AS
SUPPORT FOR ERITREAN MOVEMENTS. AT THE SAME TIME, WE BE-
LIEVE IT IS IMPORTANT TO DEMONSTRATE THAT USG IS SYMPA-
THETIC TO PLIGHT OF THE ERITREAN PEOPLE AND WILLING TO

LISTEN TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE VARIOUS POLITICAL MOVEMENTS. SINCE ERITREAN LEADERSHIP HAS TENDED TO CLASS US AMONG THE ENEMY AND GIVE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY ESTIMATE THAT THE TERRITORY WILL ACHIEVE INDEPENDENCE WITHIN A YEAR TO 18 MONTHS, WE HOPE TO ESTABLISH A RELATIONSHIP WHICH IS NOT ANTIPATHETIC WITH THE ERITREAN LEADERSHIP. CAREFULLY MANAGED CONTACTS COULD ALSO FAVOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A MORE MODERATE POLITICAL LINE AMONG THE ERITREANS.

2. FOR THESE REASONS DEPT HAS BEEN WILLING TO ACCEPT SOME RISK TO OUR ALREADY LOW-LEVEL RELATIONS WITH ADDIS ABABA,

ESPECIALLY SINCE, WHATEVER HAPPENS TO THAT RELATIONSHIP, WE DO NOT THINK THAT IT WILL TURN ON AN OCCASIONAL CONVERSATION WITH ERITREAN REPRESENTATIVES.

3. REFERENCE TO "REGIONAL PROBLEM" IS NOT MEANT TO BE INVITATION TO OTHER COUNTRIES TO SUPPORT INSURGENCY; IT IS RECOGNITION OF UNAVOIDABLE FACT THAT PROBLEM IS NOT ONE THAT CAN BE SOLVED IN ETHIOPIA CONTEXT ALONE, AND FACT THAT USG DOES NOT INTEND TO GET INVOLVED. CHRISTOPHER

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